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1. AS POINTED OUT IN REFTEL A IN CONNECTION WITH
ROMANIAN INITIATIVE, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE
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INCLUSION IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF A FAVORABLE
REFERENCE TO THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT
(UNSSOD).

2. HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES CANNOT SUPPORT LANGUAGE
DIRECTLY LINKING THE UNSSOD TO A WORLD DISARMAMENT
CONFERENCE (WDC), AND ESPECIALLY THE BULGARIAN SUGGESTION

(REFTEL B) TO TREAT UNSSOD AS A STEPPING STONE TO A WDC. THE U.S. POSITION HAS BEEN THAT WE ARE NOT OPPOSED TO A WDC PER SE AT AN APPROPRIATE STAGE IN THE DISARMAMENT PROCESS, BUT THAT THAT POINT CANNOT BE FORESEEN AT THIS TIME. NOR WOULD WE WISH TO PREJUDGE WHETHER THE SSOD COULD ADVANCE THAT DATE.

3. THIS RATIONALE LEADS US TO PREFER THE UK SUBSTITUTION CONTAINED IN THE FIRST TICK OF PARAGRAPH 2B OF REFTEL C. (WE WOULD REFINE THE US CHANGE TO READ "...UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT TO BE HELD...", BUT THE DELEGATION NEED NOT PRESS ON THIS POINT).

4. SHOULD THE UK SUGGESTION BE REJECTED, A FALLBACK POSITION WHICH COMBINES THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL (PARAGRAPH 3C OF REFTEL C), AND LANGUAGE ALONG THE LINES OF THE UK PROPOSAL WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. A POSSIBLE FORMULATION WOULD THEN READ, "...TO MAKE AN ACTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT TO BE HELD IN 1978. IN ORDER THAT IT MAY LEAD TO POSITIVE RESULTS AND FURTHER ENCOURAGE THE PROCESS OF DISARMAMENT, IT IS NOTED, IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT ONE OF THE AGENDA ITEMS OF THE SSOD IS 'REVIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN DISARMAMENT AND OF THE INTERNATIONAL
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MACHINERY FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON DISARMAMENT INCLUDING, IN PARTICULAR, THE QUESTION OF HOLDING A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.'" SHOULD SUCH A COMPROMISE LANGUAGE BE ACCEPTED, THE PARAGRAPH AFTER THE SECOND TICK, "TO GIVE THEIR FULL..." COULD BE DELETED AS REDUNDANT.

5. WITH REGARD TO THE OTHER CHANGES SUGGESTED BY THE ALLIES, WE FIND THEM ACCEPTABLE AND CAN SUPPORT THEM, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT FEEL THEY ARE CRITICAL.

6. ONCE AGAIN, MAINTENANCE OF ALLIED UNITY ON THESE ISSUES IS OF IMPORTANCE.

7. WE CONCUR IN REVISED NNA TEXT JUST RECEIVED (REFTEL D) EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK TO CHANGE OR DELETE PHRASE "... WHICH ARE RESPONSIBLE TO IT" IN FINAL LINE OF FIRST TICK OF REVISED TEXT. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE A RELATION BETWEEN THE TWO FORA, WE CANNOT AGREE THAT CCD IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE UN WHICH THIS PHRASE WOULD IMPLY. WE SEE THREE ALTERNATIVES, WHICH DELEGATION MAY SUGGEST:

A. SUBSTITUTE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE (REFTEL E) "INTIMATELY
LINKED WITH IT" FOR THE ABOVE PHRASE;

B. SUBSTITUTE "REPORT" FOR "RESPONSIBLE"; OR

C. DELETE ENTIRE PHRASE.

8. WE WILL FOLLOW WITH INTEREST FRENCH ATTITUDE
CONCERNING TWO PARAGRAPHS THEY HAVE BRACKETED. IF
FRENCH OPPOSITION CONTINUES, WE WILL WANT TO REVIEW
OUR ATTITUDE IN LIGHT OF CIRCUMSTANCES AT THAT TIME.

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